

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 27, 2014
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Parker, Nelson Almeida, David Andrade, Gary Sagar
Michael Brady arrived late.

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Executive Assistant: Anne P. Rogers

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

He announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 20, anybody recording the meeting must notify the Chairman. The Board of Selectmen is recording the meeting both audio and video.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

To Consider the Transfer of Stock, Change of LLC and New Stockholder for Dublin Hospitality LLC, d/b/a/ The Dublin Rose located at 940 Fall River Avenue

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Atty. Eric Brainsky represented the Dublin Rose. He advised that existing stockholder William Gateman owns 35% membership ownership. He is transferring 6.25% to existing stockholder John Ferreira and he will have 27.50% and new stockholder David Darling at 2.50%.

No comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To close the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Brady was not in attendance at the time of the vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the transfer of stock, change of LLC and new stockholder for Dublin Rose Hospitality LLC d/b/a the Dublin Rose.

Mr. Brady was not in attendance at the time of the vote.

To Consider the Transfer of Officers and Directors for the 99 West, LLC, d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub located at 821 Fall River Avenue

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

Ms. Rogers explained that they are transferring statewide.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Andrade, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To close the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Brady was not in attendance at the time of the vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Andrade, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the transfer of officers and directors for the 99 West, LLC, d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub.

Mr. Brady was not in attendance at the time of the vote.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OPENINGS UPDATE

Mr. Cadime announced the following openings: Finance Committee two moderator appointments, ZBA one alternate, MCIC two moderator appointments, Historical Commission should be filled tonight, Conservation Commission (1), Recycling Committee (4). Several have applied for Economic Development. The Board needs to decide how many members should be on the Economic Development and Energy Committees. Recreation & Youth – one person applied for the one opening.

Ms. Rogers noted that the Energy Committee and Economic Development Committee were established without a designated amount of members. Talent bank forms are available on line and at Town Hall.

Chairman Parker noted it will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Advisory from Chief Craig Mace on Sean's Ride – Tour de Force New York 9/11 Memorial Charity Bicycle Ride

Chief Mace advised the race would come through Seekonk on Thursday, September 11, 2014 around 1 and 2 p.m. Police officers ride to honor those who died in the 911 attacks and also for

the families of police officers who died in the line of duty. It honors Sean Collier, who was killed by one of the Boston Marathon bombers. Chief Mace will participate in the ride. Micheletti's Restaurant on Newman Avenue will be the host.

Chairman Parker noted it is very impressive to see all the police officers on bikes.

Introduction of Recently Appointed Board Members

Noah Escaler for Municipal Capital Improvement Committee said he is a life-long resident of Seekonk. He is excited about being part of the committee. As an educator, he feels he can be very helpful.

Mr. Cadime said that his educational background brings a diverse aspect to this committee especially with a lot of those projects coming from the school side.

Peter Amaral for Recreation Committee said he wanted to get involved. He is head coach of Seekonk Youth Baseball and Seekonk Youth Football.

Chairman Parker stated that Recreation has done a great job over the past several years. He suggested that within the next few years it could be full time.

Nathan Socha for Conservation Commission said he has a background in landscape architecture and natural resource and soil sciences.

Vote to Appoint Carol-Ann Days to Public Safety Dispatcher (Conditional Offer of Employment was Voted on July 30, 2014)

Mr. Cadime strongly recommended the appointment.

Communications Director Chris Campbell advised she was the unanimous decision of the interview panel from over 80 applicants.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Andrade, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Carol-Ann Days to the position of dispatcher, effective September 14, 2014.

Update on Code Red Emergency Communication Network

Mr. Cadime advised there has been a system upgrade.

Code Red notified the Town that, by extending the contract for an additional year, there would be a savings of \$500 annually and unlimited calls for general information, which the Town did

not have. In talking with the chiefs and director of communication, there were concerns about the effectiveness associated with this and whether it was worth it. The cost would be \$7,300.

When the contract does expire, the Town would have the opportunity to go on with Plymouth County which would be for emergency calls only at no cost.

Mr. Campbell explained that the current contract is \$7,781 annually. It expires on June 30, 2016. It gives unlimited emergency minutes and 17,500 non-emergency minutes. Only successful phone calls count towards the minutes. Last year the system was launched sixteen times – fourteen were non-emergency (43,219 minutes costing over an additional \$3,500.)

He noted that the chiefs and he feel that every time they launch a general information call, they desensitize the public.

Mr. Cadime recommended they continue with the current contract and when it expires they go with Plymouth County at no cost. This is also the recommendation of the two chiefs and the Communications Director.

Mr. Brady asked if there would be something less expensive that could be used to send out messages to residents.

Mr. Campbell said there is nothing for general database calls.

Mr. Sagar said the Concerned Citizens group in Seekonk wanted to set up an e-mail bank. He asked if that would work for non-emergency information.

Mr. Cadime said that would involve the IT department.

Mr. Sagar suggested the Town start a Facebook account.

Chairman Parker clarified that the current system would be used for emergencies and to notify residents about elections and Town Meetings only until the end of the contract.

Discussion and Vote on Trash Fees and Rates

Mr. Cadime advised that the Sanitation Enterprise Fund has to be self-sufficient so the fees have to be able to maintain the expenses in the budget. The costs were divided by 5,140 residential units and that gives a per household charge. The net program cost for FY'14 was \$945,106.84. The annual trash fee was rounded to \$184 for FY'15. It is a \$5 or 2.8% increase from last year.

In response to Mr. Brady's question, Mr. Lamoureux explained that residents who opted out of the trash program have to pay a portion of the bill associated with landfill capping and monitoring costs.

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Mr. Sagar stated that he would vote against it. He felt it should have gone out to bid rather than enter into a ten-year contract.

Mr. Lamoureux explained that part of some salaries, benefits, and curbside collection comes out of this fee.

Mr. Sagar couldn't see why residents who are not in the program get a bill for debt service.

Mr. Brady said it is a town debt that has to be shared by everyone.

Mr. Sagar said it comes to \$18.57.

Mr. Almeida said he can't support it and he is disappointed in the increase. When the automated system was presented to the Board, he said he would support it as long as a savings would come back to the residents.

Mr. Lamoureux said the automated system is in the works. The savings would be realized in the trash bag fees later this year.

Mr. Cadime said there was a 2.5% increase just for going to the new trucks, etc. The projected savings would be in the recycling. The sanitation budget will have to be reduced if the \$184 is not approved. He will check on the \$18.57.

Mr. Andrade asked if the decrease next year would be in the overall figure or would it impact the trash fee.

Mr. Cadime felt they would see a deduction but there are always fixed cost increases.

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Andrade, and it was

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 2 Nays; To approve the trash fees and rates as long as all residents are charged the debt service fee.

The vote: Mr. Brady – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Parker – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Nay; Mr. Sagar – Nay.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the subscriber bulky pass fee at \$65.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the bulky waste sticker fee at \$4.50.

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A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the appliance disposal sticker fee at \$12.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the price of trash bags at 60 cents for small bags
and 95 cents for large bags.

Mr. Almeida asked about participation in recycling for residents who live in a development that does not use the town's trash removal.

Mr. Cadime advised that is currently under review.

Discussion on the Purchase of a New Vehicle for the Department of Public Works

Mr. Cadime advised that the cost to repair the vehicle used by the Town Engineer would exceed the value of the vehicle.

Mr. Lamoureux said the vehicle was the #1 priority in the capital plan presented to the Town Administrator.

Mr. Andrade asked if there is a program in place to look at life expectancy of the vehicles.

Mr. Lamoureux said this vehicle was forecast to be replaced this year.

Mr. Cadime noted that department heads have been asked to submit by this Friday a list of vehicles and equipment, including life expectancy.

Mr. Almeida asked the actual cost of repairs and value of the vehicle.

Mr. Sagar felt there should be a system in place with regard to replacing DPW, police and fire vehicles.

Chairman Parker felt this qualifies for a transfer of funds by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Lamoureux advised that he has gotten a quote from Minuteman Trucks on a F350 four wheel drive pick up truck with 8 ft. bed.

Mr. Andrade questioned the need for a F350. He felt the same thing could be achieved with a F150 or F250.

Mr. Sagar and Mr. Cadime felt the vehicle should be equipped for a plow.

Board members preferred to purchase rather than lease and authorized Mr. Cadime and Mr. Lamoureux to proceed.

Discussion on Department of Public Works Uniforms

Mr. Cadime advised this was placed on the agenda at Mr. Almeida's request.

Mr. Lamoureux stated that employees are provided with uniforms in accordance with the contract.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on the Chicken Bylaw that has been referred back from the Planning Board

Mr. Cadime advised that the Planning Board has referred the matter back to the Board of Selectmen. In his memo, Mr. Hansen stated that Planning Board members felt the bylaw should be drafted jointly by the Animal Control Officer and the Board of Health.

He will get an opinion from Kopelman & Paige.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS (First Session)

Mr. Keith Tavares introduced himself. He is a newly-appointed member of the MCIC.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Recommendation to Appoint Erica Harris Grimes to Recreation Committee

Mrs. Grimes introduced herself. She has attended Recreation Committee meetings.

Mr. Brady asked why this was coming forward now when Mrs. Harris submitted the talent back form back in December 2013. He wanted to know what happened.

Mr. Cadime said the process is to stamp the forms when they come into the Town Administrator's office.

He recommended the appointment.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Erica Harris Grimes to the Recreation Committee.

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The Recreation Committee is now full with five members.

Consider Recommendation to Appoint Sandra Coble to Energy Committee

Mr. Cadime advised that he met with Ms. Coble last Friday. She is passionate about solar. He strongly recommended her appointment.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Sandra Coble to the Energy Committee.

Consider Recommendation to Appoint Michael Cote to Energy Committee – Tabled.

Consider Recommendation to Appoint Chris Gadbois to Energy Committee – Tabled.

Consider Recommendation to Appoint Dawn Cordeiro to ZBA or Historical Commission

Mr. Cadime advised that he met with her. He strongly recommended her appointment to the Historical Commission. She will be at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Dawn Cordeiro to the Historical Commission.

The Historical Commission is now full.

Mr. Brady commended Chairman Parker. A lot of people have come forward since the openings were mentioned at the meetings.

Chairman Parker noted the importance of volunteers.

Vote to Award an Engineering Service Contract for Bittersweet Drive ANR

Mr. Cadime advised that several companies responded. He recommended SITEC at \$13,390.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To award the contract to SITEC, Inc. for survey work at Bittersweet Drive in the amount of \$13,390 and authorize the Town Administrator to sign.

Mr. Almeida thanked the Lagerquist family.

Vote to Refer Zoning Bylaw to Planning Board for a Public Hearing

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To refer zoning bylaw to the Planning Board for a public hearing.

Discussion on Waiving the Permit Fees for Housing Authority

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To waive the permit fees for the Housing Authority.

Discussion on Award Tiles

Board members directed Mr. Cadime to establish guidelines as to who should receive the tiles (retirements, exceptional service, etc.).

Consider Acceptance of \$1,000 Donation for the Veterans' Memorial Park from Stop & Shop

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Andrade, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the \$1,000 donation from Stop & Shop for the Veterans' Memorial Park.

Consider Approval of Regular Session Minutes of July 30, 2014 and August 6, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the Regular Session minutes of July 30, 2014 and August 6, 2014.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discuss Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman 48 Hours Before the Meeting

None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cadime advised that the Board would meet on September 17th with Assessors, Conservation, Planning and Board of Health to continue discussion on the Charter changes.

On September 15, the School Committee will conduct preliminary interviews with candidates to fill the vacant seat until the April 2015 election. Interested individuals should complete a talent bank form.

The School Committee and Board of Selectmen will appoint the new member on September 17th.

Mr. Cadime advised that Atty. Lauren Goldberg of Kopelman & Paige is willing to sit down with him at no cost to the Town to review the Charter and highlight possible recommendations.

He will distribute the revisions from Atty. Goldberg to the other boards. He will also attend meetings of those boards.

An Invitation to Bid the roof at the Old Town Hall will be in the Central Register by next Wednesday, RFPs for the animal shelter and the senior center will be submitted by September 2, 2014.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Andrade asked about the sheds at the high school. Mr. Jim Roy felt it is a dead issue. Mr. Andrade thought the Board would back it if it was warranted and that it would be addressed over the summer in discussions with the School Committee. He was disappointed that the Board of Selectmen and School Committee were not able to get together prior to the November Town Meeting.

Mr. Cadime noted that he tried several times to schedule meetings with the School Committee. He understood it would be a capital improvement project.

Mr. Brady felt they were going to look at a smaller size.

Mr. Almeida asked for an update on renovations to the old fire station on County Street.

Mr. Cadime will check with Mr. Lamoureux, who is coordinating the work with the Sheriff's office.

Mr. Almeida complained about the overgrown grass at the site of the new senior center.

He asked for an update on the hiring of an individual to enforce sign laws. This person should work on weekends.

Mr. Sagar researched the situation with propane cannons. Unless they operate outside the restricted timeline, not much can be done.

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Mr. Cadime said Mr. Santos spoke to the farmer and asked him to face the cannons toward the reservoir. He suggested that any complaints outside the timeline should be reported to the Police Department.

Mr. Sagar wanted to discuss consolidation of services with the School Department at the September 17th meeting.

He asked about software for computer mapping system for police and fire.

Mr. Cadime felt it is going on.

Mr. Sagar said that Mr. Cadime and he have been working on a preliminary draft for a municipal building committee bylaw.

He said the Banna Fire Station project encountered some technical issues. The non-responsiveness of the modular builder developed into a three hour inspection last week that involved the Mass. Department of Public Safety. It hasn't been completed on time but the project is still in the black and will finish that way. The general contractor is being assessed a penalty of \$500 per day since June 3.

Mr. Brady suggested that the town attorney send a letter to the contractor that the Town intends to take action.

Mr. Cadime said the contract is with Nadeau, the general contractor, who subbed it with this company.

Mr. Brady noted they are paid with Town funds. He urged the Board not to wait.

Mr. Cadime said that everybody was at that meeting. PFS Engineers will draft a status of the meeting. Nadeau has asked for an extension until October 31. Nadeau will try to negotiate the \$500 down.

Mr. Sagar said the general contractor has a full performance bond.

Mr. Brady requested a separate warrant for each building project, including the schools, and that the Board not pay any bills until they get assurance from town officials that the work has been performed.

Mr. Andrade explained that the architects would review and attest that the work was done and forward to the Town for payment.

Mr. Brady said he doesn't trust engineers or architects. He will never sign any documents without assurance from town officials.

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Mr. Cadime said people are being held accountable.

Mr. Sagar credited the building committee. They are on top of this.

Mr. Brady commended Mr. Sagar and Mr. Cadime.

Mr. Cadime noted that the building committee has met every Tuesday.

Mr. Brady stated that he would not vote for any general contractor for the senior center project. The Town should be the general contractor.

Mr. Brady talked about an issue with visibility at Anthony and Cole Streets. He respectfully requested DPW check on a three way stop.

Chairman Parker reminded residents about the 911 Ceremony to take place on Thursday, September 11, 2014, at 6 p.m. at the Public Safety Complex.

The election is on Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

Chairman Parker mentioned that it is possible to program Board of Selectmen on the voicemail at Town Hall. Board members did not feel it was necessary.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS (Second Session) – None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:40 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Andrade, to go into Executive Session to conduct and discuss strategy with the MASSCOP Local 215 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(2) and (3) which the Chair has determined might have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining power and to consider the approval of Executive Session minutes of July 30, 2014; to return to Open Session, if necessary.

The vote: Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Brady – Aye, Chairman Parker – Aye. The Chairman would not take part in Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

David Andrade, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

